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Director
The Council for Tobacco Research
USA, Inc.
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Dear Sir:

The Northeast Regional Conference on Developmental Biology will be held this year at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA on April 5-7. Traditionally this conference has been fully supported by funds from the National Science Foundation. However, with the current financial crisis, the NSF has informed me that it will only be able to award \$3,000 of the \$4,300 needed to fun the conference. I am therefore writing to you to inquire whether the Council for Tobacco Research would be able to contribute the additional \$1,300 needed to cover the costs of this meeting. Should you be able to make this award, we would of course provide proper acknowledgment of the Council was apport in all conference announcements and publications.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and established researchers from the Northeast region who share a common interest in Developmental Biology. The conference has been organized so as to maximize personal interactions between junior and senior investigators, and will emphasize participation by graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. As national meetings become larger and more impersonal each year, these regional meetings assume greater importance as a forum in which younger scientists can present their work, and where established investigators and junior colleagues can meet and exchange ideas in a relaxed and informal setting.

In order to provide you with more information about the organization and purpose of the conference, I have enclosed a copy of the NSF grant application and a copy of an announcement of the meeting.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from

Sincerely yours,

David A. Begg, Ph.D./ Organizer, 1985 Northeast Regional Conference on Developmental Biology